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"Back to the basics"

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Weather



Today High: 82, Low: 63



Saturday High: 85, Low: 65 Isolated T-strms





Monday High: 82, Low: 66

News Briefs

Enlisted Promotions

Enlisted Promotions will be at 3:30 p.m. May 29 at the Columbus Club.

Class 10-03 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-03 will hold their Track Select at 5 p.m. June 4 at the Columbus Club.

CDC Groundbreaking

Columbus Air Force Base will break ground on its new Child Development Center June 3.

Inside



Feature

Summer safety is highlighted in this week's feature.

Air University commander talks education, training

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The general in charge of the Air Force's Air University recently visited Columbus Air Force Base on May 15 and took some time to talk about Air Force education and training.

Lt. Gen. Allen Peck, Air University commander at Maxwell AFB, Ala., talked about successes and challenges in education and the future of education in the Air Force, following his graduation speech for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-09.

Education and Training

"The key part of education and training is that both are absolutely essential," General Peck said. "Fundamentally, education is focused on developing critical thinking skills that help enable creative solutions. Whereas training is about developing specific skill sets for consistently reliable results."

The general said that while he focuses primarily on education in his role as AU commander, both are essential and part of all training, including pilot training. He said while it's called "pilot training," it includes educational aspects such as studies in propulsion and aeronautics, as well as traditional training aspects like aircraft control and emergency procedures.

Importance of education

"Education is the seed corn of the future," he said. "If we don't invest in education, how can we expect our Air Force to be led by leaders who have critical thinking capabilities and strategic thinking for the future?"

General Peck noted that if the Air Force needs a chief master sergeant, a colonel or a general capable of strategic leadership, they are unable to put out an advertisement and hire someone, like other industries can.

"If I want to have strategic-thinking leaders for the future, I have to invest in them from the moment they enter the Air Force," he said. "We have to grow our own, and education and training are vital parts of the future of the Air Force."



Lt. Gen. Allen Peck, Air University commander, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., speaks at the graduation of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-09 May 15 at the Kaye Auditorium.

Successes and Challenges

The general said in the next fiscal year, AU will be facing a few challenges (some common across the Air Force).

"We will be facing a shortfall in resources," he predicts. "And, See EDUCATION, Page 2

COLUMBUS TIMELINE TRAINING

PHASE II Senior Squadron

Squadron

37th (10-03) 1.69 days 41st (10-04) -1.27 days

-0.48 days -2.45 days Track Select June 4 June 29

Squadron 48th (09-09) 50th (09-09)

PHASE III Senior Squadron Class Overall Graduation 2.40 days 2.89 days June 5 0.98 days 2.61 days June 5

Squadron Squadron Class 49th (09-HB) 6.67 days

Graduation June 11

Overall

WING SORTIE BOARD Aircraft Required Flown Annual 2,230 1,783 19,524 T-6 T-1 721 7,434 T-38 607 498 5,530 **IFF** 187 170 1,929

Graduation speaker: The Class 09-10 graduation speaker is Brigadier General Alfred J. Stewart, Commander Air Force Recruiting Service.

VIEWPOINT

Memorial Day Motivations

Lt Col Chris Stricklin 14th Flying Training Wing Chief of Safety

memories. To the Department of Defense, it had fallen at Shiloh.

Although many locations claim to be the origall others, is to get Airmen to carry the safety inator of this holiday, our very own Columbus mindset out the front gate with them. Mississippi documents its tie to the origination The BLAZE team embraces this challenge What does Memorial Day mean to you? For of this tradition to April 25, 1866, at by considering safety an attitude, not a promany, it signifies the beginning of the summer Friendship Cemetery. On this day, a group of gram. With this safety attitude, we can prevent with warm weather, kids out of school, week- women began a tradition by decorating the alcohol, motorcycle and automobile mishaps. ends on the lake and family vacations to make graves of Confederate and Union soldiers who Embrace the BLAZE Riders program and help

were placed across cemeteries of all soldiers. Our biggest challenge during this time, as with

ensure our riders get home safe. Don't allow also signifies the beginning of a time, Memorial Stepping forward to 1884, Oliver Wendall your wingman to work or operate a machine wingman, to make safety an attitude, to "carry Day through Labor Day, in which mishap and Holmes had this to say, "Memorial Day... cel- when fatigue is a factor. Ensure all the proper the safety mindset out the front gate" when you accident rates traditionally increase with the ebrates and solemnly reaffirms from year to safety measures are included in the preflight or enjoy the beauty of summer. risk of outdoor activities and recreation. As a year a national act of enthusiasm. It embodies your boat, bike or swimming pool. Remember, result, Memorial Day marks the beginning of in the most impressive form our belief that to every decision we make is truly a risk assess- feedback. As with every flight we take, we only the Critical Days of Summer in which we will act with enthusiasm is the condition of acting ment. Do the benefits outweigh the cost? get better with a hard debrief and good lessons focus this year's specific efforts on areas allow-greatly." Together, let us enthusiastically When the cost is potential injury to our learned so send your input our way. If you see ing achievement of the 14 FTW year long goal embrace the Critical Days of Summer chal- BLAZE family, the decision is clear...choose any areas where we can improve the safety of lenge and act greatly to ensure the safety of the safety. The 101 CDS ends at Labor Day, a day the BLAZE team, let us know. E-mail your Memorial Day developed from Decoration BLAZE team. One loss of our BLAZE family is which most Americans consider the last day of comments to chris.stricklin@ columbus.af.mil Day in the late 1800's. On this day, flowers too many; one injury is too much to endure. summer. It is your responsibility to be a good or call 352-9299.



One last thing: The safety office needs your

If we don't remember, no one else will

Brig. Gen. O.G. Mannon 82nd Training Wing commander

that it meant something to them that was beyond me.

better. Now there are coworkers, classmates and friends among 60-year-old uniforms, and recognized them for the heroes they the dead whom we honor on Memorial Day. Now, my connecate. tion to the fallen is not merely professional. It's personal.

smaller with each passing year, and it won't be too many more Cunningham.

years before there are none left alive who witnessed what happened on that little island in the Pacific.

But I'm betting there will still be a reunion held in their SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — As a young honor. As the heroes of Iwo Jima have aged, their children officer, Memorial Day was a time to join the aging veterans of have taken up the cause, organizing and planning the event World War II, Vietnam and Korea to honor those who died in after their parents no longer could. And these children — some the wars our fathers and grandfathers fought. Standing at atten- of whom are grandparents themselves — are bringing their tion with these heroes was a moving experience, but I knew children and their children's children along with them. It was deeply touching to watch these little ones' eyes light up with Now, after eight years of war — our war — I understand pride as they looked at their great grandfathers, dressed in their

I wonder if we will honor and remember "our war" and its Earlier this year, I had the privilege of attending the Iwo heroes as well as they have honored theirs. I hope we will. I Jima Survivors reunion held in Wichita Falls. It was a humbling hope we will still gather to remember and honor names like ning of summer. Let it not be so for us. Instead of simply celeand amazing experience to be among them. Their group gets Tech. Sgt. John Chapman and Senior Airman Jason

And I hope we will be wise enough to bring our children and our children's children.

The war goes on, but it's not too soon to begin — and truthfully, we could do better. Attend one of the local Memorial Day events, and you will typically find a small handful of aging veterans in fading uniforms. Typically, you will find too few crisp, new uniforms standing with them.

We need to change that because if we don't remember, no one else will either. If we don't honor the friends and fellow warriors we have lost, they will be forgotten by all but their own families. We owe them better.

For many Americans, Memorial Day is mostly a time for picnics and long weekends at the beach to celebrate the beginbrating the start of a new summer in our lives, let us honor those we lost in the spring of theirs.



SERVICES

Base families offered a variety of activities

camp June 1 to 5. This program is open to ages includes transportation and \$25 in casino play. 3 to 18. Register online at www.cafbservices.com For more information, call 434-7861. and select the youth center page. Costs vary according to age and sessions. Deadline to register is today. For more information, call

Schools out bowling special

The bowling center offers 50 cents a game bowling before 7 p.m. today for youth. For more Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort in Lake Buena information, call 434-3426.

End of school pool party

participants from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday at cent off. There are only 30 seats available on tion for the Lowndes County Humane Society. ment must be made by June 19. For more infor-For more information, call 434-2504.

Holiday hours

The following activities will be open p.m., the fitness center from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., win one of the 25 \$1,000 club scholarships to be dogs with all the fixings. For more information, the golf course from 7 a.m. to dusk and given away this year. Deadline for entries and call 434-2490. Independence Pool from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. All applications is July 1 to the Force Support other recreational activities will be closed. The Squadron commander. Applications are availauto hobby shop and wood shop will also be able at the Columbus Club, library and educa-

Summer day camp registration

The youth center's school age program is taking registrations for summer day camp for school

Youth skating trip

The youth center is offering this trip May 28 **Tickets available** from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$8 per person. Register mation, call 434-2504.

program

Register the week of June 7-12 for this summer program open to children in grades 1 through 6. This year's them is "Book a Trip - Missoula Children's Theater Read Around the World." For more information, call 434-2934.

Casino trip

Silver Star and Golden Moon Casinos in more information or to register, contact the Outdoor Recreation, Ext. 2507. Paintball par-The youth center is hosting a British soccer Philadelphia, Miss. Cost is \$20 per person and youth center at 434-2504.

Disney summer trip

offers a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla. closes. Must have at least 20 registered by June includes two hours of bowling, free shoe rental July 19 to 25. The bus tour price per seat is \$147 10 to offer. For more information, call 434-7861. "bowling" place settings, and a souvenir bowling per person round trip and includes shuttle to and from Disney World for five days. The hotel is the **One day canoe trip** Vista and each room has two queen beds and youth center members and school age program pass while each companion ticket up to 60-per-tion, call 434-7861. Independence Pool. Admission cost is a donathe bus. A layaway plan is available but last paymation, call 434-2507.

Club scholarship program

information, call 434-2490.

Adult and youth crafts classes

The arts and crafts center offers Mommy and Horseback riding lessons age children. A \$10 deposit is required for each me crafts every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30

by May 26 at the youth center. For more infordiscounted tickets for Disney World, Universal

arts program for Grades 1 to 12 June 8 to 13. \$95 for nonmembers. For more information, call Auditions will be June 8 at Kaye Auditorium. This year's performance will be "Robinson The information, ticket and travel office Crusoe" and held at 3 p.m. June. 13. Up to fifty **Paintball parties** offers a trip the first Friday of every month to the youth will be needed for the performance. For Make reservations for a paintball party at

Geyser Falls Water Park trip

Cost is \$20 plus the cost of the ticket (\$21). Bus The information, ticket and travel office will leave at 9 a.m. and return when the park

Outdoor Recreation offers this outdoor the "Good" package plus choice of hot dog adventure program June 20. Cost is \$15 per perwill sleep four to six people. Price for the week son. Bus will depart at 8 a.m. and return at 4 per family is \$675. The military member p.m. Must have at least 12 but no more than 16 non-refundable deposit is required for all parties. The youth center is offering this program for receives a free five day hopper with water park registered by June 2 to offer. For more informa- No outside food or beverages allowed, except for

drive kick off family fun night and pool party Starbucks from 5:30 to 8 p.m. June 15. Cost is \$6 per person or \$20 per family for club members. Non-Club members and their dependents are elimembers are \$8 per person. Children, ages 4 and Monday: The bowling center from 11 a.m. to 4 gible to enter the essay contest for a chance to younger, eat free. Serving hamburgers and hot

Youth fishing rodeo

Outdoor Recreation offers this program at 9 tion center or at www.afclubs.net. For more a.m. June 27. Open to ages 5 to 15. Entry is \$5 per person. Prizes will be fishing poles. For more information, call 434-2507.

Outdoor Recreation is offering riding lessons week to hold a space for your child. Cost is based p.m. and 5:30 p.m. A display of the crafts proj- and special occasion rides. Lessons are in four on total family income and all meals, entrance ects are in the lobby of the center. Upcoming lessons sessions. Cost is \$40 for 30 minutes for fees, supplies, etc. are included in the cost. classes include making a a garden pot, a bug youth 6 and under or \$80 for one hour lessons. Camp begins May 26. There are limited spaces catcher, tropical cutouts, welcome signs, tote Junior lessons for ages 7 to 17 are \$100 for four available. For more information, call 434-2504. bag and more. For more information, call one hour lessons and adult lessons are \$120 for four one hour lessons. For more information, call 434-2505 or 434-7861.

The information, ticket and travel office has **Season swim passes on sale**

Season pool passes can be purchased at the Studios, Dollywood, Sea World, Busch Gardens, pool. The pool opens Saturday and will be open Six Flags Over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, 7 days a week from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Passes for **Library summer reading** Alabama Adventure, the Dixie Stampede, one person is \$30 for club members and \$35 for Gevser Falls, and more. Call 434-2507 for more nonmembers. Two people of the same family are \$50 for club members and \$60 for nonmembers. Three people of the same family are \$70 for club members and \$80 for nonmembers. Four people The youth center offers this free theatrical of the same family are \$80 for club members and

ties are great for birthdays, team building and

Outdoor Recreation offers this trip June 13. Have a bowling birthday party

The bowling center offers the best birthday party packages around. The "good" package pin for the guest of honor for just \$7.50 per person. The "Best" package includes everything in grilled cheese sandwich or chicken strips with fries and soft drink for \$10 per person. A \$25 birthday cakes. For more information, call

The Columbus Club offers a club members Daily Grind proudly serving

The Daily Grind is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 11 a.m.

Blaze Lunch Bunch

at the Columbus Club **Every Wednesday During Lunch**

All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or cornbread, tea or water

\$6.25 for club members \$7.25 for nonmembers

This week's menu: Meat choices:

Fried Chicken, Beef Tips & Gravy, Lasagna

Sides:

Macaroni & Cheese, Steamed Rice and Gravy, Turnip Greens, Butter Beans and Side Salad with Ranch Dressing

For More Information, Call Ext. 2490

<u>Lunch Bunch Special - \$6.95</u> Crisp Caesar salad topped with seasoned croutons, shredded parmesan cheese and grilled chicken breast.

<u>Desserts:</u> \$2.95 each

Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie Tiramisu Cake

Jumbo Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

AF.mil unveils new web site design

Staff Sgt. Vanessa Young Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO — Air Force officials unveil a new look for the service's official Web site, AF.mil. For frequent visitors to AF.mil some of the changes will be obvious at a glance.

The redesigned site features a larger layout, larger photos, new technology and less clutter. It offers users new content types with the inclusion of slideshows, new video capability, blog-like commenting on content and improved search capability.

"We're excited to be rolling out the new design and template for Air Force Public Web," said Larry Clavette, the director of the Air Force Public Affairs Agency and the owner of the Air Force Public Web Program. "The new design packages a lot of features our users asked for. The site itself offers more room to display content. The design is streamlined, it has a neat, clean look and feel. Our main goal here was to make things easier to find and easier to navigate."

The Air Force Public Web Program is a servicewide effort to consolidate all public Web sites to improve security, reduce redundancy, increase performance and standardize site appearance across the 315 sites in the program. AF.mil is the first to roll out with the new design, but the remainder of the Air Force's sites will migrate to the new format before the end of 2009.

The launch is the culmination of almost a year of work that includes research, focus groups and system development, testing and deployment. The whole process began when Air Force officials launched a usability survey in 2007. The research determined users liked the rich content of AFmil, but commented on the poor navigation.

According to Mike Carabajal, AFmil webmaster, a main priority of the redesign was to re-evaluate the information on the Web site and 'trim the fat' to keep the design clear of clutter while offering more to users.

The most visible changes of the redesign are the white space and the fewer links and tabs. The new design features only three top navigation links versus the old site's 13 links and displays half the number of sections to make information easier to find.

The site also features new technology that allows users to comment on content posted on the site, embed video capability and a redesigned, customizable photo and art gallery.

"We're excited to unveil the new templates and get user feedback to see how we've met their expectations," said Mr. Clavette. "Web technology and innovation is a never ending pursuit for improvement and capability. The cycle begins anew now for us."

Toward that goal, some AF.mil visitors will have the opportunity to comment on the usability and the new features of the site through a pop-up survey beginning in June.

New uniforms: Comfortable, functional are goals

77th Aeronautical Systems Group Human Systems Program Office

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Officials from the Uniform Program Office here continue to work for Airmen, researching and purchasing uniforms that provide more function, protection and comfort.

The Air Force chief of staff met with office personnel April 21 for an update on clothing issues Airmen face as they support

Gen. Norton Schwartz said addressing current and near-term uniform needs takes precedence over introducing long-range

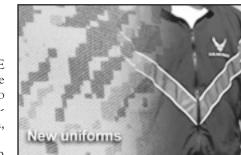
"It is paramount that we provide fully functional and appropriate uniforms for our Airmen as they carry out our worldwide, joint mission," General Schwartz said. "It's critical that we respond to Air Force uniform needs since they affect every Airman, every day — so we need to get it right."

Changes are also in the works for the airman battle uniform. "Too hot" is how many Airmen described the current ABU. After working with other services and industry textile experts, Air Force officials will field lighter weight fabric for the ABU coat. Called the improved airman battle uniform, the ABU coat will be updated with a durable, lighter weight, and more comfortable fabric.

To further reduce weight, the IABU design will remove the inner coat liner and interior pockets. The lighter weight IABU will replace the current ABU coat for both summer and winter wear. Prior to production, the Air Force Uniform Office staff will verify the fabric can be consistently manufactured to avoid color variation experienced with the initial ABU rollout. Projected availability date is summer 2010 and will be phased in as current inventories Engineering Center is fielding fire-resistant to the version worn in 1946 by Gen. Henry

mental camouflage parka, the ABU cold enced during ground combat. weather parka has been short in supply, forcform camouflage parka. Working with offi- prior to deployment. Specifically, Airmen in further effort be made on the Heritage Coat cials from the Defense Logistics Agency ground combat roles receive fire resistant project at this time. The complete project and AAFES suppliers, increased production equipment to include the airman battle will be available to Air Force leaders should APEC parkas have been delivered to date, under body armor, and the airman battle the future. with a total of 400,000 projected to be deliven semble, a fire-resistant version of the ered by the end of 2009.

Since introduction of the ABU, multiple



variants of the sage green boots include standard issue, cold weather, hot weather, temeach is certified and fielded to meet ing new PT uniforms in September:

nance, industrial, and medical areas have fabric to address common complaints about vocalized difficulty in keeping the suede fabric "noise," and streamlines the design by green boots clean. As an interim solution, removing the collar hood and shoulder Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, the Air vents. The improved design also reduces Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, bulk by decreasing the amount of fabric in personnel and services, recently issued a pol- the running jacket mid-section and pants icy allowing commanders to authorize wear lower leg. Additionally, a new liner includes of black boots in specific industrial work antimicrobial properties and will shed mois-

The Air Force Uniform Office staff is nvestigating stain-resistant materials that this year feature a softer, more flexible fabric, facilitate boot care. The results of an initial side-pockets, increased inseam length, and test in March 2009 did not show marked redesigned inner liner. improvement over the current design. As a concepts from industry.

General Schwartz said if the follow-on reduction. test "doesn't work, this will be the last test and we'll go back to something that does optional PT gear for wear. A new long sleeve work (in industrial areas)."

In response to a U.S. Air Force Central Command requirement to increase protec- Exchange System. In addition, optional runtion for Airmen in ground combat roles, the ning shorts will be introduced this summer. Human Systems Program Office staff with

Beginning in March 2009, fire-resistant ABU with different pocket configuration.

issued to Airmen for specific missions. Therefore, with the exception of predeployment training, this equipment is not authorized for wear as a uniform item outside the area of responsibility.

Airmen's feedback directly helped lay the groundwork for significant improvements of the physical training gear. The new PT fabric received positive response from test participants and has been approved for production by General Schwartz.

After extensive prototype design testing, perate weather, aircrew, and steel toe, and the following changes are on-track for field-

- The improved PT running suit However, Airmen working in mainte- redesign includes a thinner, more flexible ture at a faster rate than the current version.
 - Improved PT shorts to be introduced
- An improved PT shirt resembles the follow-on effort, a second boot wear test will current short-sleeve shirt, but will feature a begin this summer to evaluate alternative lighter weight, higher performance fabric with moisture wicking properties and odor

•The Air Force has also authorized T-shirt and sweatshirt are now available for purchase through the Army Air Force

Over the past several years, Air Force technical assistance from the U.S. Army leaders considered replacing the current Air Natick Soldier Research, Development and Force service dress coat with a design similar equipment to protect Airmen from burns H. "Hap" Arnold. Known as the "Heritage Also known as the all-purpose environ- caused by explosive devises or fire experi- Coat," an evaluation was recently conducted to assess several prototype designs.

To keep the focus on near-term uniform ing extended wear of the battle dress uni- equipment is being issued to many Airmen needs, General Schwartz directed that no of APEC parkas is underway. Over 145,000 shirt, a fire-resistant combat shirt worn they deem implementation appropriate in

> Visit the Air Force Portal under the Portal Quick Link "Uniform Information" Unlike uniforms that are available to all for additional information and updates.

Base News

Airmen's Attic

The Airmen's Attic offers gently used items donated by Airmen to be given free of charge to other Airmen. It is located in the Services Complex (bldg 520) directly across the street from the post office/BITS building. Please come visit us on the following days and times:

Tuesdays 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. First and third Saturday's of each month 10 a.m. to noon

The Airmen's attic is always in need of quality used items to include: kitchenware, clothing free of stains and tears, gently used toys, baby items and linens in good condition. If you have large appliances/furniture items to donate, please contact the Airmen's Attic or your first sergeant to get the item directly to an airmen in need. Please drop off all other items during business hours or contact your first sergeant to set up a scheduled drop-off time. Donations are NOT ALLOWED to be left curb side.

Commissary Closed

The base commissary will be closed Tuesday, May 26.

New Website for Military Youth

Department of Defense has launched a new website, Military Youth on the Move, to replace Military Teens on the Move. This site is an easy to use resource that reaches out to youth with creative ways to cope with issues that arise in the face of a move, such as transitioning to a new school, saying goodbye to friends, and getting involved in a new community.

Each page contains age-specific advice on a given topic, answers to common questions, and helpful links for additional information and guidance. The website is divided into three target audiences: elementary school, middle school, and high school. Users simply click on their age group to get started. Once inside the site, users search different topics that pertain to both military youth in particular and youth in general. For example, within the elementary school section, youth can find helpful information about topics as general as bullying and divorce, and as specific to military youth as how to keep in touch with friends or start over at a new school. High school teens can also find topics tailored to their needs such as preparing for life after high school, opening up a bank account, and writing a resume.

Visit Military Youth on the Move with your military child today! http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/ pls/psgprod/f?p=MYOM:HOME:19945159813

Education Counseling Hours

(CCAF. Education counseling Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

Drug Education for Youth

The DEFY program promotes team building, goal setting, substance abuse, resistance skills and increases self-confidence for youth. This is a free program for dependents of active duty members, DOD civilians, retirees and contract employees' ages 9 to 12 years old. DEFY Summer Leadership Camp is scheduled for June 17-26 and will be held at the Columbus AFB Chapel Annex. Applications are available at the Chapel, Youth Center and Drug Demand Testing Office, located in the 14th Medical Group building. Deadline for application is May 30. For more information please call 434-2353 or 434-2133.

Family Care Plans

All Air Force members with families will have family care arrangements that reasonably cover all situations, both short and long term. Single parents, dual military couples with family members, and members with civilian spouses who have unique family situations must document their Family Care Plan on the AF FM 357. Family Care Plans are recertified to ensure the plans accuracy and workability annually, upon arrival at a new unit, before reenlisting or extending, notification of assignment, and when personal status or family circumstances change. For more information, please contact your First Sergeant.

East Mississippi Community College

EMCC is registering students for the Summer 2009 Intensive Terms. Summer 09 Term 1 begins on May 27 and Term 2 begins on July 7. Classes will be held day, afternoon, and evening on base. Contact EMCC in Bldg. 916, Room 14 or call them at 434-2660/2564 for more information.

Saint Leo University

SLU is registering students for the Summer Term that begins June 1. Afternoon and evening classes will be held in the Education Center, Bldg. 916. SLU also offers online and CDROM courses. Contact Dew White in the Personnel Bldg. (926), Room 120 for more information or call 434-8844.

Mississippi State University summer camps

Mississippi State University offers a wide

variety of Summer Camps and Workshops for our young folks. The areas include: Soccer, Natural Resources, Transportation Institute, and Women in Action; other areas are being considered and will be added as they are approved. Several of the activities are Residential Camps and many are Day Camps. For a complete rundown, view the MSU 2009 Summer Camp website at: http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/events/summercamps/camplistings.php or contact the School Liaison at

DAPS Hours change

Effective immediately the Columbus AFB DAPS will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lifequard summer hire requirements

COMMUNITY

Columbus Air Force Base is currently soliciting applicants to be life guards at the base pool for this summer. To qualify, applicant s must meet the criteria below and be a full time stu-

- 1. Must possess a current and valid nationally recognized lifeguard certification covering lifesaving and water rescue methods, skills, and procedures.
- 2. Must possess a current and valid nationally recognized basic first aid certification.
- 3. Must possess a current and valid nationally recognized CPR certification which includes adult, child, and infant procedures.
- 4. Position requires pre-employment screening for swimming ability, rescue skills and CPR

If you would like to apply, please contact Mr. Ben Brock at 434-2635 or Mr. Roy Wood at 434-2650 and they will be happy to assist you.

DRMO

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call 434-7233 to review the property or call Stock Control Section at 434-7179 or 434-7198. To check for authorization and Demand Processing Section, call 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at www.drms.dla.mil.

Zero Overpricing Program-Incentive Awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Service element of Base Supply,

located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

Do you have a supply problem?

Do you have a supply problem? Do you need a status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The Customer Service Element is the single point of contact requiring assistance on supply related matters. For assistance, you may contact customer service at

Children's culinary arts camp

The Mississippi University for Women Culinary Arts Institute presents Culinary Camp for Kids starting June 1. In the professional setting of MUW's Culinary Arts Institute, your child will have the opportunity to learn and explore the wonderful world of foods through lemonstration, lectures, and hands-on work in their kitchen. Classes commence on 1 June and continue throughout the month of June. For more information call: 241-7472.

Vacation Bible School 2009: Crocodile Dock

The Columbus AFB Chapel will conduct a Vacation Bible School this summer for for children ages 5 (going into kindergarten) to 11 (going into sixth grade) June 1 through 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Bus service will be available for on-base residents and Youth Center. Volunteers, 12 years and up, are also needed to assist with the program. A Tad Pool Pond (nursery class) is available for volunteers little ones. Contact the base chapel staff at 434-2500

COMMUNITY

Gas Mask Fit Test

Gas Mask Fit Testing will now be by appoint-Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exceptions to appointment times will be made

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is open for consignments of household goods, appliances that are in good working order, furniture and electronics. Please, no computer equipment. Clothing is accepted as donation items only.

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are taken up until noon.

School Liaison Officer

The Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Officer works with local school districts, schools, parents and students on issues related to elementary and secondary education for the children of ALL personnel (civilian, military and contractor) assigned to the installation. As parents of school age children are aware, there are many unique issues our children face as they transition to new schools. The role of the School Liaison Officer is to assist families ensure their children receive the best possible education regardless of where they attend school. For assistance, please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at slo@columbus.af.mil.

CAC Card Replacement

Members can replace their Common Access Card within 60 days of it expiring. All personnel will need to provide the following at the time of replacement: two forms of identification, government ("dot" mil or gov) email address, a six to eight digit personal identification number and an application for a CAC, the appropriate application will be provided to appointment is made. Call 434-2626 or 434-2624 to schedule an appointment.

Testing Hours

Office conducts The Education CLEP/DANTES, CDC, PME, etc. testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays promptly at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Students arriving late will be rescheduled. Testing will be conducted outside of this schedule only when verifiable extreme circumstances exist. Please call 434-2562 or 434-2561 to

SARC DVDs

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, located at the Health and Wellness Center entrance of the Fitness Center, has two very educational and school-aged appropriate DVD's

available to sign-out and to view with children. approximately 30 minutes. Please call 434-2839 Spouse Welcome Two copies of each DVD will also be available at or 434-2790 for more information. ment only. Appointments will be taken the Base Library and one copy will be available at the Youth Services. The DVDs are: The Safe
Pre and post deployment Side: Stranger Safety and Internet Safety pre- tour brief for deployers only. For more information, call sented by John Walsh and Julie Clark. Our Bioenvironmental Engineering at 434-2286 or motto is "Not One More." Let's educate and keep our children safe.

Anti-terrorism Trainina

Personnel and their families that are traveling on unofficial business outside the continental United States can receive anti-terrorism Sponsorship Training level one training from Master Sgt. Brandon Enea, 14th Flying Training Wing Antiterrorism Officer. For more information, call him at 434-

MGIB and ROTC

ROTC detachments often fail to provide information to graduates about the Montgomery based training is offered thru the AF Portal, GI Bill. If this is the case, please come by the under Bases-Org-Functional Area TAB, select Education Office in Building 916 or call them at My Base and look under Training. 434-2562 for MGIB counseling.

Legal Hours

The legal office offers legal assistance on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. Notary and/or power-of-attorney are done as a walk-in during normal business days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., arriving no later than 3:45p.m. Participants must be eligible for assistance to receive service. For more information, call the base legal office at 434-7030.

Airman's Roll Call

The Air Force puts out a weekly publication call the Airman's Roll Call. The Airman's Roll Call is designed for supervisors at all levels to help keep Airmen informed on current issues, clear up confusion, dispel rumors and provide additional face-to-face communication between supervisors and their teams. To view the Airman's Roll Call, visit www.af.mil/

Airman and Family Readiness Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.)

Pre-separation counseling

Mandatory briefings for personnel separating or retiring need to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. Members may complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. Counseling held daily at 8:30 p.m. Takes

Mandatory briefings for active duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. Briefings are held daily at the AFRC. Pre-deployment at 0930, and post-deployment at 1330. POC A&FRC,

importance of a good, effective sponsorship promore information, call 434-2631. gram and resources available for both Unit Intro Monitor and Sponsor will be presented. To register please call 434-2790. In addition, web-

Lunch & Learn

The next Lunch and Learn will be May 29 from noon to 1 p.m. Bring your lunch and learn about "Staying Strong"

Wing Newcomers Orientation

The Wing Newcomers Orientation will be June 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for newly arrived AD and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Resume and Cover Letters

There will be a workshop on writing resumes and cover letters for employment June 3 from 10

Budgeting Basics

This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

AFAS...Air Force People Helping Each Other

Sudden emergency and no cash? It can happen to anyone. Your Air Force Aid Society has assisted Air Force people for 66 years and is there to help you. Call 434-2855 for more infor-

Employment Workshop

There is an employment workshop every Wednesday at 1 p.m. Airman and Family Readiness Center. Participants will learn about local and base employment opportunities. For

A special welcome for new personnel assigned to Columbus AFB is held each Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Magnolia Inn Lobby. For more information, call 434-2790.

AFRC Calendar

Would you like to receive e-mails in your home of up-to-date information on events being held at the Airman and Family Readiness Center? Sign up for Airman and Family Readiness Center electronic calendar. To sign up, send an e-mail to AFRC@columbus.af.mil Sponsorship training will be held May 26 and ask to be added to the list. This calendar from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for all Unit Intro provides great information on things happening Monitors and Sponsors. Information on the at your Airman & Family Readiness Center. For

Chapel Schedule

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School 10:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service (Children's Church) All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of

Catholic

Thursday: 5 p.m. — Choir Practice Sunday: 3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice 4:30 p.m. — Confession 5:00 p.m. — Mass



www.columbus.af.mil to learn about Columbus AFB agencies and other important information.

AF NEWS

Air Force leaders chart way forward for service

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has made tough choices and some prudent trade-offs to balance the service across the spectrum of capabilities needed for the future, Air Force leaders said.

Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz discussed the service's efforts to the threat environment and the current tomorrow's needs. The two spoke to a group this risk," Secretary Gates said. of reporters in the Pentagon May 15.

missions from irregular warfare on one end ing munitions and moving manpower into of the spectrum of conflict to nuclear deternew high-demand requirements. These rent operations on the other.

agreed with an Air Force recommendation intelligence, surveillance and reconnaisto retire 250 older aircraft early, to allow sance. the service to reprogram money to other areas. "[The decision] allows us to take the future of the tactical air force structure some additional strategic risk over the next and on fifth generation solutions," six to seven years, which we think, given Secretary Donley said. "Our interest is in

The service is working to balance the missions from irregular warfare on one end of the spectrum of conflict to nuclear deterrent operations on the other.

balance between today's operations and strategic interests, is a good time to take

The service will reinvest the money into The service is working to balance the modifying the remaining aircraft, improvrequirements include unmanned aerial Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates vehicles, the nuclear enterprise and in "At the same time, we also focused on



getting on with the (F-35 Lightning II) Joint Strike Fighter program."

The service ultimately will buy more than 1,700 of these aircraft. The fiscal 2010 budget request looks to increase testing of the aircraft and buying 30.

Air Force officials also intend to go ahead with F-22 Raptor modifications, budgeting more than \$1 billion for it in fiscal 2010, Secretary Donley said. "We think this is a good package for the Air Force and that it makes good strategic sense."

The secretary also highlighted the Air

began after the General Accountability Office found the service erred in its con-

The first component of the plan is to strengthen and improve the acquisition workforce. The Air Force is to hire about 2,000 employees over the next year; provide additional training to all acquisition personnel; and beef up systems engineering and cost analysis capabilities.

A second area of emphasis is to pay more attention to requirements and to ensure Air Force officials understand the technology risks involved in meeting operator demands for more capabilities.

A third area for improvement is financial stability, and a fourth is a stronger source selection process. "This is where we make the final procurement decisions and the Air Force has already started retraining personnel for this highly visible portion of the acquisition," Secretary Donley said.

The final area reviews the Air Force

President issues Armed Forces Day proclamation

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama signed and issued a proclamation May 14 designating May 16 as Armed Forces Day

Here is the presidential proclamation:

On Armed Forces Day, 1961, President Kennedy connected civic engagement and our nation's security. He stated, "The strength of our armed forces rests not alone upon their active and reserve members, our industrial productivity and our human resources, but also upon the understanding and support of an informed American people." Based on this perspective, I call upon all Americans to learn more about, and express gratitude for, the heroic efforts of our men and women in uniform.

Today, the United States military serves across the world to keep us safe. They are working here at home to President and Commander-in-Chief Barack Obama. protect America from threats foreign and domestic, they are risking their lives in the deserts of Iraq and the mountains of Afghanistan and they are also serving bravely in many other parts of the world to ensure our security and provide humanitarian assistance. Members of the Armed Forces are forging a better future for our nation and the

As they carry out their missions, military families sacrifice and join me in humble thanks. endure the sacrifice of their absence. Worrying about their



thank military families for their vital contributions.

Coastguardsmen who have answered the call to service ing and participating in the local observances of the day. I deserve recognition and gratitude. They have endured the also encourage Americans to volunteer at organizations most difficult of conditions to protect America and her that provide support to our troops. highest ideals. Today, I ask all Americans to know their

Now, therefore, I, Barack Obama, president of the safety, moving to new duty stations and managing a home United States of America, and commander in chief of the fourteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thouwithout a loved one, these families shoulder great burdens Armed Forces of the United States, continuing the prece- sand nine, and of the independence of the United States of as they help sustain our men and women in uniform. I dent of my predecessors in office, do hereby proclaim the America the two hundred and thirty-third.

third Saturday of each May as Armed Forces Day. I direct the secretary of defense on behalf of the Army Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and the secretary of home-

land security on behalf of the Coast Guard, to plan for appropriate observances each year, with the secretary of defense responsible for soliciting the participation and cooperation of civil authorities and private citizens. Î invite the governors of the states, the Commonwealth

of Puerto Rico and other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, to provide for the observance of Armed Forces Day within their jurisdiction each year in an appropriate manner designed to increase public understanding and appreciation of the Armed Forces of the United States

I also invite national and local veterans, civic and other organizations to join in the observance of Armed

Finally, I call upon all Americans to display the flag of the United States at their homes on Armed Forces Day and The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and urge citizens to learn more about military service by attend-

Proclamation 7562 of May 16, 2002, is hereby supersed-

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this

Lt. Gen. Peck speaks at Class 09-09 graduation

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin 14th Flying Training Wing Public

The graduation of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-09 was a day of firsts, for both class and graduation

For the new pilots of Class 09-09, it marked the first day they would pin on their pilot's wings. And for their graduation speaker, Lt. Gen. Allen Peck, Air University commander at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., it was the first time the three-star general had spoken at an SUPT class graduation – though it didn't stop him from offering wisdom and advice to

"You can consider yourselves part of the chosen few," General Peck said. "You can be class. justifiably proud of your efforts that got you much is given, much is expected. You have

The general said the new officers should Force on the planet."

continue to live the Air Force core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all they do.

He said they should bring integrity into every part of their job, whether running checklists or logging their flights.

The general told them the story of a classmate of his who, after serving as an officer in the Air Force, retired and became a civilian lawyer. After the events of Sept. 11, 2001, this former officer attempted to re-join, but was unable. He said the gentleman did not give up, and felt compelled to serve his country. Unable to serve as an officer with the Air Force, he enlisted in the Army National Guard and has since served three tours overseas and has attained the rank of sergeant first

He also told the graduates to strive for their here today. But remember, from those whom very best and to not "settle for anything less."

"Pilot training marks a significant transibeen given talent and opportunity – make the tion in your lives," General Peck said. "Today you will become aviators in the finest Air

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month



Dr. Edward Tang, Associate Professor of American Studies with the University of Alabama, speaks at the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Luncheon May 14

BLAZE Team prepares to say farewell to vice commander

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The vice commander of the 14th Flying Training Wing

will depart Columbus Air Force Base for his next assignment

Col. Jeff Dunn, 14th FTW vice commander, said he has E. LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education, one). Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

"This has been the most rewarding assignment I've had in pilots and they do it exceptionally well."

He said the personnel at Columbus AFB face challenges Irby passed away March 27. and accomplish the mission day-after-day with not only the worlds finest military aviators.

The colonel said his strongest and most poignant memo-BLAZE Team members in a T-38 crash last April.

"At the same time that was the lowest point and the high- Airmen and help them.

"This has been the most rewarding assignment I've had in the Air Force, Colonel Dunn said.

est point of my time as vice commander," Colonel Dunn said. enjoyed his time at Columbus AFB and will miss the men "It was an incredible tragedy, but I watched as the BLAZE and women of the BLAZE Team greatly. Colonel Dunn's next Team literally mobilized within a moments notice to take assignment will be as director, Warfighting Education, Curtis care of the two young families (who had just lost a loved tion to the mission is not found everywhere, and should be

"It humbles me to this day to even think about it."

While he said he's enjoyed his entire assignment as vice the Air Force," Colonel Dunn said. "In the last two years I commander, Colonel Dunn said his happiest memories are of and we do it at the best quality. The idea that permeates this have gained an incredible amount of respect and affection for the morning's, he spent twice a week for almost two years, sitthe BLAZE Team. The produce one-third of the Air Force's ting and talking with George "Happy" Irby, Sr., 51-year- doesn't exist everywhere and we shouldn't take it for grantemployee of Columbus AFB and a community staple. Mr. ed.'

"I would just sit down and talk to him," Colonel Dunn excellence, but a smile on their face. He said for a small base, said. "I'd get to know the history of the base and hear Happy's Columbus deploys a large number of its members, currently stories. Those are probably some of the happiest times I had. 75, and yet continues to complete their mission of training You couldn't be around Happy with out him improving your

Colonel Dunn said he particularly enjoyed getting to work

When asked what he'd miss most, Colonel Dunn said that's exactly what he'd miss - the people of Columbus AFB and the local community.

"What I will remember the most and will miss the most are the people," he said. "This is not just a military installation," he said. "This is the BLAZE Team – it is in many ways

the BLAZE Team, one of excellence and exceptional dedicanurtured and maintained.

He also said the relationship Columbus AFB has with the local community is exceptional and unique, and that it too should not be taken for granted.

heartfelt with the local community as it is here," he said.

Colonel Dunn said he urges the BLAZE Team to continries of his time here revolved around the tragic loss of two at the wing level and interact with "such a broad section of ue striving for excellence in everything they do, whether the Air Force." He said it gave him a chance to get to know training the world's finest aviators or working with the local

Colonel Dunn said the atmosphere of Columbus AFB and

"It has taken year to develop what we consider the BLAZE Standard," Colonel Dunn said. "WE do what has to be done wing is that we will do things and we will do them well. This

"I've said it many times and believe it. I've never been at a base where the relationship with the base is as strong and as

Big yard fenced in, great neighborhood vertible; silver w/black leather interior; only 15 mins to CAFB. For more info 80K; \$8,000. For more info: contact Sylvester Marks at

FSBO: 2707 Niles Rd. 4br 2 bath home with big fenced yard above ground pool, game room and two living areas; great neighborhood only mins from CAFB. For more info contact Sylvester Marks at 662-364-0115

662-364-0115 or 364-8772.

FSBO: 3406 John Hancock, 3br 2, 1400 Sq Ft; \$124,900; Bluecutt Estates, across from Post Office, 10 minutes from base; for more info call 215-589- For sale: Kenmore microwave \$35, 2911. For pictures of property check militarybyowner.com.

For Sale By Owner: 374 Chan Mar Dr, Caledonia, Custom home, 4BR, 3BA, office, bonus room, 2466 SF on 2.8 acres, wired shop. \$278,800. See on Yahoo Real Estate. 662-889-3974.

Transportation

1998 Chevrolet Camaro, black, 5speed, V6, keyless entry, magnaflow exhaust, new tires, brakes; beautiful car, 160k miles, \$4,000. Phone: 662-549-1726

2001 Mercury Sable LS (Gold) in great running condition. 93000 miles, brand new tires. CD player, AM/FM Hope 3br 2bth wood laminate flooring radio. \$4,200. Contact 662-497-0326 , jacuzzi tub, new central air and heat or 256-527-6718. Moving overseas,

washer and stainless steel refrigerator. 2001 Mitsubishi Spyder Eclipse, con-

Around Town

Community Volunteer events volunteer. Call Meagan at Opportunity of the Week

The deadline for submitting ads

is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads

turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can

be mailed to or dropped off at the

public affairs office in the 14th

Headquarters building, e-mailed

to silverwings@columbus.af.mil or faxed to 434-7009. Calling

Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can

extend the run date of ads already

submitted. Silver Wings reserves

the right to limit ads based on

content, space and frequency of

requests. Advertisements for pri-

vate businesses or services provid-

ing a continuous source of income

may not appear in the Bargain

Line. They may, however, be

Homes

For Rent: Available 1 July, attractive

2-bedroom/1-bath house (15-20 min-

utes from base). Has hardwood floors.

remodeled, move-in ready. Nice eat-in

kitchen, spacious family room, 2 A/C

window units inside home, new updat-

ed shower, one-car garage w/storage

area. The property is in the Caledonia

School District. \$600/month. Call

For Rent: 130 E. Swoop Rd, New

unit, built in cook top and oven, dish-

through

Dispatch,

burchased

328-2424.

662-574-2166.

Commercial

Training

Volunteer at Camp Cook May 26-July 31 Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Each week will highlight a different theme - Art, Cooking, Drama/Dance, Sports, Camping for Kids, Safety Camp, Aloha to Summer, Pet Care and Manners Matter. The program also focuses on reading Call Meagan at 327-0807 for more information.

Volunteer opportunities

CMYK time to time? Sign up as a special Center at 434-2790.

327-0807 for more information.

Adult Summer Reading Program

The Columbus-Lowndes Public Library will hold "Master the Art of Reading," a program for adults 18 and over that will explore the world of art, books and more. The program will run enrichment and character education.

6:15 p.m., June 2-23. Registration Tuesday evening from 5:15 p.m. to begins May 18, for more information call Brenda Durrett at 329-5300.

For more information about local area Looking for something to do on events, e-mail AFRC@columbus.af.mil Saturdays? Want to get off base from or call the Airman and Family Readiness

215-589-2911.

BARGAIN LINE

For sale: 20" stock Chevrolet rims and tires. Fits on 07-09 models of Silverado, Avalanche, Tahoe and Suburban. \$900 OBO, call 434-8020. 2006 Chevy Silverado LT with 22400 miles asking \$14,000: Phone work 434-2076, home 434-5857

Miscellaneous

glass front door \$35.

For Sale: Aiwa music system \$20, Recliner sofa \$30, carpet \$5, Sofa \$30, Magic Chef 22 Lbs Washer &Dryer \$400, Writing Table \$100, Dresser with Mirror \$180, 2 coffee tables \$80, Car seat \$30, Twin mattress with box springs and foundation \$30, Entertainment center \$20, Computer table \$15. Moving overseas, must sell.

Glass top pub-style kitchen table with 4 chairs \$200, Pine table with 3 chairs \$50, small black entertainment center 205-210-3169 or 662-364-0238.

Contact662-497-0326 or 256-527-6718.

Head (Bass Pro Shops) Kronik bow (made by Diamond) with mechanical

release, carbon arrows, practice arrows, hard case, broad heads, string peep, 3 pin sight, whisker biscuit. Complete package, shot 10 times, never hunted. \$425. Little Tykes Backyard Playhouse with doorbell - \$75 OBO. New in box "Purely Yours" breast pump with backpack, used once \$150 OBO. Men's diamond ring - \$800 appraised at

\$1,500. Call 662-889-0672 For sale: large suede tan couch Excellent condition, 1.5 years old. Stylish and durable. \$200 OBO. Call 912-667-7117.

For Sale: Batting Cage 55x12x12, with movable frame, \$200. Atec Rookie softball pitching machine, with two dozen balls, \$500. 662-889-3974.

FOR SALE and FOR FREE

Kitchen Table: 5ft Glass top, bronzed metal base, 2 matching chairs, 2 bar stools. Excellent condition, no scratches, no chips. \$150.00

Kitchen Chairs: 4ea light colored wood seat with white trim (country

Items For Sale - Compound Bow Red Recliner: Worn to perfection, new recliner cover included (maroon). Queen Headboard: Light colored wood

with iron accent, \$150.00

Coffee Maker: Black and Decker, brand new, never been out of the box!

Computer desk: Medium wood. FREE Call: 662-889-0113

Saturday Yard Sales

Yard Sale: Saturday 16May; 7am to 12pm. Boys clothes 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T, furniture and some other stuff. 7372 A, Augusta Drive, Capitol Village.

Garage Sale: 1102 7th St N, Columbus Fri and Sat 8 to 12 noon. Good prices on everything. Can call for appointment for other times. Call

Pets

Free male cat to a good home Work #

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue. Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-sub-

mit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not

appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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Print advertisement	
Name	
Home Telephone #	
	(in case we need more information)
Please let us know what you thinl Are you happy with the Silver Win	
What would you like to see more or	f in the newspaper? News Sports Photos Other

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

Black Knight, Red Air

49th FTS deploys in support of fighter training

Lt Col Tor Dietrichs

Commander, 49th Fighter Training Squadron

This past week marked the second anniversary of the official standup of the 49th Fighter Training Squadron at Columbus AFB. The 49th FTS was previously here from 1993 to 2000, and located at Moody AFB in the interim.

While most folks understand the nature of our mission, few know that we routinely conduct instructor pilot continuation training by serving as "Red Air" fighting aircraft such as F-16s, F-15Cs and F-22s.

The primary reason we conduct this type of training is the nature of our mission – we are a fighter training squadron, not a flying training squadron. We don't teach our students how to fly we teach them how to fight. Our IPs seek to instill the basic skills our students will apply in Formal Training Units at Tyndall AFB (F-15C), Seymour Johnson AFB (F-15E), Luke AFB (F-16) or Davis Monthan AFB (A-10).

At these locations new fighter pilots are exposed to dissimilar air combat training where they employ as "Blue Air" against dissimilar adversary aircraft, referred to as Red Air. This is the role Black Knights perform when we deploy. We execute the Red Air role by simulating a MiG-21 Fishbed or F- FTW's support of their March ORE, he commented on the 5E Tiger II, primarily due to the similarities in aircraft perform- efforts of the 49th FTS and DYNCORP. He stated, "Their pro-

ance to the T-38. Our role as Red Air is to punish Blue Air mistakes, primarily by "shooting down" Blue Air fighters, or alternatively, "bombing" a simulated target Blue Air is attempting to protect.

There are a number of scenarios we support when we deploy as Red Air. Last October and just last week we deployed to Tyndall AFB to oppose students in the F-22 Raptor FTU. In March, we deployed to Jacksonville, FL to oppose the F-15C Eagles of the 125th Fighter Wing in support their Operational Readiness Evaluation. At the end of this month we will deploy to Nellis AFB to support the USAF Weapons Instructor

However, it is important to understand that these training opportunities would not be possible without the incredible support of our local DYNCORP Maintenance personnel. The professionalism and dedication demonstrated by the leadership back here and by the crew chiefs and specialists at the deployed locations is what makes our deployments so successful.

Finally, the results of this collective BLAZE team approach are best summed up by the commander of the 125th FW, Col. Robert M. Branyon. In a letter of appreciation to Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, for the 14th



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Laura Turner
An F-22 Raptor veers to the right over Alaska's mountainous terrain April 15 after an in-flight refueling mission. The F-22 Raptor is one of many aircraft the 49th Fighter Training Squadron oppose when they deploy to fly as training adversaries in the role of "Red Air."

fessionalism and skills were evident while providing perfect threat replication in challenging air-to-sir scenarios with perfect training rule adherence.

Your maintenance contractors were also a class act working creative solutions to keep the jets Code 1 while flying a 6 x 6 x 6. Their mission focus and expertise enhanced our wing's war fighting capability ensuring that we are attaining our highest level of performance."

19th AF command chief visits Columbus AFB

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin 14th Flying Training Wing Public **Affairs**

The 19th Air Force command chief made her first official base visit to Columbus Air Force Base May 13-15.

Chief Master Sgt. Bernise Belcer, 19th AF command chief, said making base visits and getting to meet and help people are her favorite parts of her job.

"I love helping people," she said. "I see a Numbered Air Force as just more people I have to help. I like being visible and get to the bases as much as I can. My biggest goal is to be a venue that can help people with issues, on a bigger scale."

She said Airmen at Columbus Air Force Base are a key part in helping train and mentor the next generation of Air Force

the team has something to contribute,"

Chief Belcer said. "Enlisted leaders at every level have things to share."

The chief said enlisted members help challenge their officers to be better and help guide them into becoming even better leaders than they already are.

Chief Belcer said currently, 19th AF enlisted members are facing the same challenges that are currently being felt across the rest of the Air Force - chief amongst them being a lack of manning. The chief said while manning is an issue, she knows the Air Force will continue to excel.

'We are such a wonderful and such a powerful Air Force," she said. "We will rise to the challenge even though manning is low; we are going to get the mission done."

Chief Belcer said that is very true here on Columbus, where she was very impressed with the Airmen she met and saw.

"I see the personnel on this base and they "I am a firm believer that everyone on are rising to all challenges," she said. "I have no doubt in my mind the mission here gets here emulate the core values and are very



(Left) Chief Master Sgt. Richard Brackett, 14th Flying Training Wing command chief, shows Chief Master Sgt. Bernise Belcer, 19th Air Force command chief, Smith Plaza May 14 following a retreat ceremony. Chief Belcer was at Columbus Air Force Base for her first official visit as 19th AF command chief.

done, because of the Airmen I've met.

"The Airmen here have been empowered to do their jobs."

The chief also said the Airmen she met

professional.

"You expect that of Airmen, but I really got what I expected here," he said. "I look forward to coming back and spending more time with the Airmen of Columbus AFB."

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Flying high



A T-6 Texan II flies over Smith Plaza May 14 at Columbus Air Force Base. The T-6 is used in the initial phase of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training to teach student pilots in basic flying skills.

Success at the CAFB Tax Center

Airman Elena Stofle 14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocates Office

The CAFB Tax Center was a hit in 2009, saving customers a total of \$148,000 in filing fees and preparing over 900 state and federal

For over four months, the VITA Tax Center ran smoothly with the guidance and leadership of Mr. Bill Andrews, who trained and certified 16 volunteers. The VITA Tax Center generated a total tax return amount of \$927,000,

members and their families.

"We had a good turnout of volunteers that were trained and certified. They worked hard, putting hours of their time into generating income tax returns," said Bill Andrews, who has over 3 years of experience in tax prepara-

In appreciation of all their hard work, Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, presented the volunteers with certificates and letters of appreciation on the right hybrid or blended model Tuesday. The VITA Tax Center could not have for in-residence education and dishad so much success without the selfless voluntance-learning. relieving tax season stress for many military teers dedicated to helping their fellow Airmen this tax season.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 69 BLAZE TEAM members are de-ployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



EDUCATION

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at the same time we'll be increasing network and information technology security while also trying to maintain academic freedom. There are some challenges in the future, but historically the Air Force has taken very good care of its education and training programs."

General Peck said amongst these challenges, AU has seen a number of successes in the last year. He gave as examples the retooled Air and Space Basic Course that newly commissioned lieutenants attend and the burgeoning distance-learning master's degree and professional military education programs.

"ASBC gives new lieutenants the opportunity to bond and learn about officership with peers from the other commissioning sources," General Peck said. Some of the recent changes to ASBC include a greater emphasis on expeditionary skills and combat training.

Future of Education

The general said education in the future will include a blend of online. distance learning and traditional education at brick-and-mortar insti-

"We're looking at ways we can enhance and expand educational offerings through information technology that is being developed," he said. "What is really important, as it is in all things, is balance. What we're trying to do now is figure out

The Air Force's growing variety of distance-learning opportunities recently saw an important milestone with the graduation of the first six Airmen from the AU Associate to Baccalaureate Cooperative Program. The ABC Program allows Airmen to pursue a bachelor's degree via distance-learning and ensures their CCAF credits will transfer.

The Air Force's commitment to education is one aspect that makes us a great Air Force, General Peck said. Innovation is providing opportunities for Airmen to continue Professional Military Education in multiple mediums.

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When you and your family are enjoying your pool or hot tub at home, or when you're out at a public pool or waterpark, "being water aware" will add to the experience and keep everyone safe. Here are three basic tips:

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
25	26	27	28	29	30/31
Memorial Day Holiday		A A	Asian Pacific American Food Tasting, @ SVS Complex, 11 a.m.	Enlisted Promotions, 3:30 p.m.	The Golden Tri, 8 a.m. @ Fitness Center
1	2	3	4	5	6/7
	Class 10-10 Pilot Partner Welcome, 5:30 p.m. @ Grill	WG/CC Calls, 10:00/1:00/3:30 Child Devilopment Center Ground Breaking, 10 a.m.	Col Dunn Farewell Lunch Lunch Buffet 11:00 @ Club Col Dunn Golf Tournament @ 1:00 Class 10-03 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Club	Class 09-10 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye	Super Sonic Scramble, @ Whispering Pines

Long Term Events

Jun. 8-12 - Night Flying Week

Jun. 11 - IFF Class 09-HB graduation

Jun. 12 - 14th OSS change of command

Intramural Volleyball Standings

48th FTS vs. 14th CES

SPORTS

Game 1: 48th FTS- 11 L 14th CES- 15 W

Game 2: 14th OSS- 10 L 14th SFS- 15 W

Match Winner- 14th CES

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14th SFS vs. 14th CS

Game 1: 14th SFS- 15 W 14th CS-1 L

Game 2: 14h SFS- 15 W 14th CS-10 L

Match Winner- 14th SFS

Sports Shorts

Air Force Fitness Month: During the month of May, CAFB's Health and Wellness Center would like to invite you to participate in CAFB's Biggest Losers Bootcamp. This boot camp is designed for Biggest Losers participants, but in promotion of Air Force Fitness month, it will be open to all during the month of May. This bootcamp is designed to improve your overall fitness by working both your cardio and muscular systems at once. The sessions will consist of various cross/circuit training activities. Dates will consist of every Friday at 3:30 p.m. For location and more information call 434-2477.

AF Marathon: The time has come once again to field AETC's Air Force Marathon Team. AETC bases can submit through their Fitness Center Directors, runners in each of the following categories: Men's Military Relay (4 participants), Women's Military Relay (4 participants), Men's Individual (2) and Women's Individual (2). AF Form 303s must be submitted to the Fitness Center Director, Mr. Carmine Muscarella 434-2773, prior to 19 Jun 09. Contact the Fitness Center for assistance if you've never filled out a

Fitness Classes: The Fitness Center offers fitness classes. Spin classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. Cardio kick boxing classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and aerobics is offered Saturdays at 9 a.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center

Lunch, Bowl Special: Receive two free games of bowling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the purchase of a combo meal during lunch.

Cosmic Bowling: Cosmic bowling is every Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2 per game. The night is complete with black lights, strobe lights and bowling!

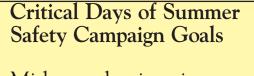
Stay safe during the Critical Days of Summer



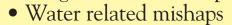
The survivor's initial thought;

I just saw them! I heard them playing! Where are they! Unfortunately, these are the thoughts of a panicked parent near any body of water, where only seconds before the sounds of children playing filled the air.

- Most drowning victims had no intention of being in water.
- Most people drown within 10-30 feet of safety.
- A drowning person will pass silently below the surface of the water.
- A child can drown in under 20 seconds, an adult in less than 60 seconds.
- Alcohol plays a role in 50% of all drowning cases.
- It is important that you and your family learn to swim.
- Make this a safe summer you want to remember!

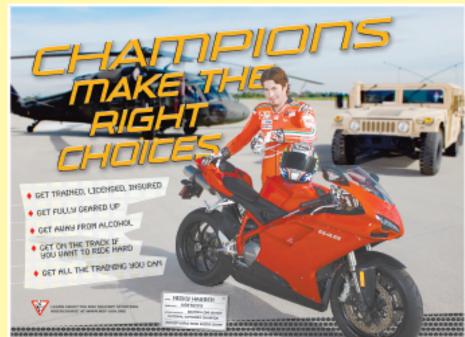


- Mishap reductions in:
- PMV-2/4 related mishaps
- Alcohol related mishaps • Fatigue related mishaps



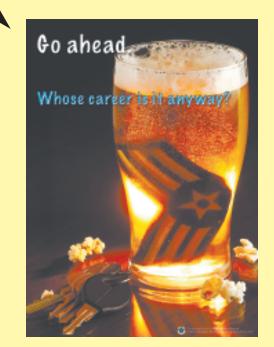


Most folks would agree a day at Six Flags, a day of fun on the water, or an endless drive to Disney World is very fatiguing. The job can be just as fatiguing. Think about it; the final sortie on a triple turn day with the heat index on the flight line of 110+ degrees. That's fatigue! On duty or off, know when enough is enough and call a



We look out for each other in the cockpit and the field. When it's just you and the open road, you have to look out for yourself. Make the right choice....your life depends on it.





ALCOHOL AND DRIVING, **DON'T DO IT!**

Impaired driving is no accident - nor is it a victimless crime. Even one too many means you shouldn't drive. Tragedies resulting from alcohol-related crashes are a crime. This can be prevented with some simple precautions:

*Plan ahead. If you expect to consume alcohol, designate a sober driver before going out;

*If you are impaired, call a taxi or a sober friend;

*Make plans to spend the night;

*Report impaired drivers to law enforcement;

*Always buckle up - a seat belt is your best defense against an

SAFETY: NOT A PROGRAMAN ATTITUDE